

Application No. 09/724,097
Amendment "D" dated May 26, 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed April 14, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 14, 2004 rejected claims 33-35 and allowed claims 24-32. Claims 33-35 were rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph based on inconsistencies in the preambles of these claims. In response to this rejection, and at the suggestion of the examiner, these claims have been amended to specify a computer program product instead of a method. Applicants submit that this amendment places claims 33-35 in condition for allowance.

As only allowable claims 24-35 are currently pending, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are now respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 26 day of May, 2004.

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